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SUBJECT: PRESS CHARGES CIA CONTROLS CTP TRADE UNION

1. CONSISTENTLY ANTI-U.S. DAILY "EXPRESO" HEADLINE MAY 10 READ "CIA CONTROLS APRISTA CTP". INSIDE ARTICLE CAPTIONED "CIA HAS ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER THE CTP". ENTIRE ARTICLE WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM U.S. PUBLICATION "COUNTERSPY NO. 2", A "NEWSPAPER OF ANALYSIS, INVESTIGATION AND OPINION CONCERNING ABUSES OF POWER CARRIED OUT BY U.S. SECURITY FORCES".

2. SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLE CONSISTS OF STATEMENT THAT CIA THROUGH "REGIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO THE AFL-CIO" HAS TRAINED ABOUT 20,000 TRADE UNIONISTS IN THE POST-WAR YEARS. ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT CIA HELPED APRISTAS WREST CONTROL OF PERUVIAN LABOR MOVEMENT FROM LEFTIST UNIONS IN 1947 AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN APRISTA CTP EVER SINCE.

3. WITHOUT NAMING INDIVIDUAL, ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT THE CIA "CHIEF OF OPERATIONS" IN PERU IS A FIRST SECRETARY (POLITICAL) WHO ARRIVED IN LIMA JUNE 26, 1972 AFTER POSTS IN CYPRUS, GUATEMALA AND GUYANA. "EXPRESO" DOES NOT NAME INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS CIA CHIEF ALTHOUGH SOURCE "COUNTERSPY" DID. EMBASSY ASSUMES GOP CENSORED NAME FOR ITS OWN REASONS.

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4. STORY NOT PICKED UP BY OTHER DAILIES THUS FAR. SINCE COMMU-

NIST TRADE UNION (CGTP) IS CURRENTLY CAUSING GOP FAR GREATER
DIFFICULTY THAN CTP AND BECAUSE LTP CURRENTLY IN CONTACT

WITH CERTAIN GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, A FULL-SCALE CAMPAIGN
MAY NOT DEVELOP.

5. CTP UNION HAS WRITTEN STRONG REPLY TO CHARGES DEFENDING RIGHT
OF PERUVIAN TRADE UNIONISTS TO TRAVEL TO U.S. FOR VISITS OR TRAIN-
ING MUCH AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MILITARY AND INTELLECTUALS
TRAVEL TO U.S., SOVIET UNION, CUBA AND EUROPE. CTP STATES THAT
IT HAS OPENLY PARTICIPATED IN TRADE UNION EDUCATION PROGRAMS
SPONSORED BY AID AND ORIT. THE CIA WAS NEVER INVOLVED. CTP HOPES
REPLY WILL BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST IN LIMA DAILY "ULTIMA HORA".
UNION FEELS OFFENDING PAPER "EXPRESO" WILL REFUSE TO PUBLISH
CLARIFICATION.
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